

## FEMA REGION V

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### *short notes on planning #17*

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#### **WHY INCLUDE AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR?**

FEMA does not require that an Emergency Manager actually prepare your community mitigation plan, but it is recommended that an Emergency Manager be included in the process as one of the primary staff of your planning team.

An “Emergency Manager” is usually a full or part time employee of the county whose primary responsibility is to coordinate the county’s response to disasters and other emergencies. Sometimes, larger communities also have an Emergency Manager or an officer in the fire department has emergency management duties.

Emergency Managers have experience in a number of areas that can be useful in assisting with your mitigation planning process:

- ✓ Familiarity with hazards affecting the community
- ✓ Familiarity with areas of the community that are at risk
- ✓ Understanding of the communities disaster response capabilities
- ✓ Understanding of the communities response plans
- ✓ Familiarity with Federal and State disaster programs
- ✓ Understanding of coordination with voluntary agencies
- ✓ Applying for grants
- ✓ Drafting an action plan
- ✓ Understanding of how to deal with the public in stressful situations.